

What is claimed is:

1 1. An electronic mail method, comprising:
 2 generating a first message;
 3 identifying a primary recipient of the first message;
 4 identifying a secondary recipient of the first message;
 5 associating a second message with the identified secondary recipient; and
 6 sending only the first message to the primary recipient and the first and
 7 second messages to the secondary recipient.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of sending further comprises
 2 withholding the identity of the secondary recipient from the primary recipient.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of identifying a primary recipient
 2 comprises designating one or more recipients in an electronic mail message TO
 3 field.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the act of identifying a primary recipient
 2 further comprises designating one or more recipients in the electronic mail
 3 message CC field.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of identifying a secondary
 2 recipient comprises designating one or more recipients in an electronic mail
 3 message BCC field.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of identifying a primary recipient
 2 comprises identifying a plurality of primary recipients, wherein each of said
 3 plurality of primary recipients are designated to receive only the first message
 4 and the act of sending comprises withholding the identity of the secondary
 5 recipient from each of the plurality of primary recipients.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of identifying a secondary
2 recipient comprises identifying a plurality of secondary recipients, wherein each
3 of said plurality of secondary recipients are designated to receive the first
4 message and the second message, and the act of sending comprises withholding
5 the identity of each of the plurality of secondary recipients from the primary
6 recipient.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising withholding, from each of said
2 plurality of secondary recipients, the identity of the other plurality of secondary
3 recipients.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein a act of identifying a secondary recipient
2 comprises identifying a first secondary recipient and a second secondary
3 recipient.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the act of associating a second message
2 with the identified secondary recipient comprises:
3 associating a first second message with the first secondary recipient and a
4 second second message with the second secondary recipient, wherein the first
5 second message and the second second message are different.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the act of associating a second message
2 comprises associating a file selected from the group consisting of a text file, an
3 application document file, an image file and an executable file.

1 12. A program storage device, readable by a programmable control device,
2 comprising instructions stored on the program storage device for causing the
3 programmable control device to:

4 generate a first message;

5 identify a primary recipient of the first message;

6 identify a secondary recipient of the first message;

7 associate a second message with the identified secondary recipient; and

8 send only the first message to the primary recipient and the first and

9 second messages to the secondary recipient.

1 13. The program storage device of claim 12, wherein the instructions to send
2 further comprise instructions to withhold the identity of the secondary recipient
3 from the primary recipient.

1 14. The program storage device of claim 12, wherein the instructions to
2 identify a primary recipient comprise instructions to allow a user to:

3 designate one or more recipients in an electronic mail message TO field;

4 and

5 designate one or more recipients in the electronic mail message CC field.

1 15. The program storage device of claim 12, wherein the instructions to
2 identify a secondary recipient comprise instructions to allow a user to designate
3 one or more recipients in an electronic mail message BCC field.

1 16. The program storage device of claim 12, wherein the instructions to
2 identify a primary recipient comprise instructions to identify one or more primary
3 recipients and the instructions to identify a secondary recipient comprise
4 instructions to identify one or more secondary recipients.

1 17. The program storage device of claim 16, wherein the instructions to send
 2 further comprise instructions to withhold the identity of the one or more
 3 secondary recipients from the one or more primary recipients.

1 18. The program storage device of claim 17, wherein the instructions to send
 2 further comprise instructions to withhold, from each of said plurality of secondary
 3 recipients, the identity of the other one or more secondary recipients.

1 19. The program storage device of claim 12, wherein the instructions to
 2 identify a secondary recipient comprise instructions to identify a first secondary
 3 recipient and a second secondary recipient.

1 20. The program storage device of claim 19 wherein the instructions to
 2 associate a second message comprise instructions to:
 3 associate a first second message with the first secondary recipient; and
 4 associate a second second message with the second secondary recipient,
 5 wherein the first second message and the second second message are different.

1 21. The program storage device of claim 12, wherein the instructions to
 2 associate a second message comprise instructions to associate a file selected
 3 from the group consisting of a text file, an application document file, an image
 4 file and an executable file.

1 22. An electronic mail system, comprising:
 2 a display unit; and
 3 a computer unit operatively coupled to the display unit, the computer unit
 4 including a processor, a network means and a storage device, the storage device
 5 having stored thereon instructions for causing the processor to provide an
 6 electronic mail capability to a user through the display and the network means,
 7 said electronic mail capability including the capability to

8 generate a first message,
 9 identify a primary recipient of the first message,
 10 identify a secondary recipient of the first message,
 11 associate a second message with the identified secondary recipient,
 12 and
 13 send, by the network means, only the first message to the primary
 14 recipient and the first and second messages to the secondary recipient.

1 23. The electronic mail system of claim 12, wherein the electronic mail
 2 capability further comprises the capability to withhold the identity of the
 3 secondary recipient from the primary recipient.

1 24. The electronic mail system of claim 22, wherein the electronic mail
 2 capability further comprises the capability to identify a first secondary recipient
 3 and a second secondary recipient.

1 25. The electronic mail system of claim 24, wherein the electronic mail
 2 capability further comprises the capability to:
 3 associate a first second message with the first secondary recipient; and
 4 associate a second second message with the second secondary recipient,
 5 wherein the first second message and the second second message are different.

1 26. The electronic mail system of claim 22, wherein the electronic mail
 2 capability to associate a second message comprises the capability to associate a
 3 file selected from the group consisting of a text file, an application document file,
 4 an image file and an executable file.